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WELCOME MESSAGE

Dear Colleagues and Friends,

On behalf of the European Academy of Neurology (the new unified organisation for neurology in Europe formed by the EFNS and ENS) and the Bulgarian Society of Neurosonology and Cerebral Hemodynamics we are honored to invite you to the EAN Regional Teaching Course in Sofia from October 2nd to 5th 2014.

The course aims to provide a very high level of scientific and practical knowledge in the following scientific topics:

- 1: Aging brain, Stroke and Dementia
- 2: Modern Aspects of Neurorehabilitation
- 3: Advance of Neurosonology

Leading experts are invited to present lectures and organize workshops. Their names and the final program will be announced very soon.

All delegates from abroad will have the opportunity to enjoy the history and the beauty of Sofia – one of the oldest capitals in Europe.

Mark your calendar now... See you in Sofia!



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EAN Regional Teaching Course Dates

October 2nd – 5th, 2014 | Sofia, Bulgaria

Preceded by IX Meeting of the BSNCH

2nd October 2014 | Sofia, Bulgaria

EAN Regional Teaching Course Venue

PARK HOTEL MOSKVA
25, Nezabravka Str., Sofia, Bulgaria

Language

The official language of the EAN Regional Teaching Course is English.

Participation

The EAN Regional Teaching Course will be open to all physicians in neurology and related fields.

Access to the EAN Regional Teaching Course

Participants should wear the identification badge collected at the Secretariat Desk upon registration during all sessions and events.

Final Programme

The programme will be uploaded on-line in April 2014. The printed version of the final programme will be available to all registered participants directly on-site.

City Accessibility

The Sofia Airport is an international facility that receives flights from Europe and the world. In the city of Sofia it is recommended to use Public transportation or Taxi. The transfer time to the city centre is approximately 20 minutes. More information can be obtained on the [Official Tourism Portal of Bulgaria](#).

Climate

The average temperature in October ranges from 6°C (43°F) to 17°C (63°F).

Travel Health

EAN Regional Teaching Course participants should arrange an insurance policy on their own (in regards to personal insurance, insurance for luggage, valuables and for third party damages). The Organisers will not be responsible for this. No responsibility will also be accepted for problems resulting from strikes, climate conditions or any other circumstances beyond the Organisers' control.

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About Sofia



Sofia is the capital and largest city of Bulgaria and the 15th largest city in the European Union with a population of 1.2 million people.

Dramatically ringed by the Balkan Mountains to the north and the Vitosha Mountains to the south, Sofia stands on an open plain 550m (1,804ft) above sea level in western Bulgaria.

Although its neo-classical Stalinist architecture is prominent, visitors to Sofia will love its side streets and century-old commercial quarter, tree-lined boulevards and balconied buildings by 19th-century Russian and Viennese architects.

Locals meet for coffee at open-air cafés in the park, the vast bazaar offers an array of pickles and farm produce, and new designer boutiques keep springing up in the city centre. Shoppers queue to board Sofia's rattling trams while folk musicians serenade the metro users.

Central Sofia boasts a clutch of ancient and neo-Byzantine Orthodox churches, and one functioning mosque, virtually all that remains of 500 years of Ottoman domination. The mountain, which covers an area of almost 270 km² and lies entirely within the city limits. Many of the city's residents take weekly hikes up the mountain, and most do so at least a couple of times a year. There are bungalows as well as several ski slopes on Vitosha, allowing locals to take full advantage of the countryside and of the mountains without having to leave the city. [See more.](#)

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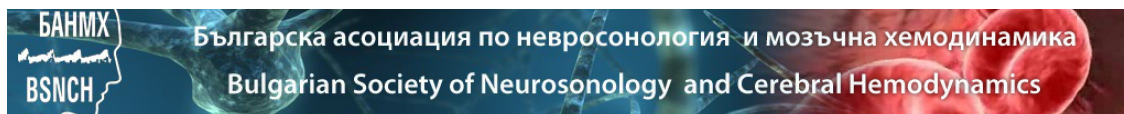
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BSNCH



The Bulgarian Society of Neurosonology and Cerebral Hemodynamics

Bulgarian Society of Neurosonology and Cerebral Hemodynamics (BSNCH) is founded in 2005 as a non-profitable organization, registered in Sofia. The Society is run in accordance with constitution, approved by the General Assembly. Its global aim is to perform a continuous education in the field of neurosonology in accordance with international criteria and ethics by organizing teaching courses and scientific meetings, editing educational materials, journals and books, establishing collaboration with similar international organizations, creating a website, elaborating a network of neurosonological laboratories in Bulgaria, giving practical aid of the members of the Society, etc. At present, the Society has more than 150 active members, increasing every year. It has a central office in Sofia and two regional branches for the North and the South of the country.

Bulgarian Society of Neurosonology and Cerebral Hemodynamics organizes annual meetings with international participation of famous lecturers on hot topics and it was the Host of the 16th World Neurosonology Meeting of the WFN, October 17-20, 2013, Sofia. The Society is editing and publishing, twice a year, the periodic bi-lingual (Bulgarian-English) scientific Journal "Neurosonology and Cerebral Hemodynamics". The International Advisory Board provides the quality control of the scientific papers and recommends the editorial articles.

Past, present and future of the Society are announced on-line in the website www.neurosonology-bg.com. It gives the members an opportunity for network communication and continuous information concerning national and international news in neurosonology. [See more.](#)



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Visa Information

Bulgaria has the European Union's Common Visa Policy as a member country accepting European citizens freely. All non-EU citizens are required to have a passport to enter the EU with the appropriate visas. For more information, please check the information on the [Ministry of Foreign Affairs of The Republic of Bulgaria](#) website.

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Travel and Transportation

Sofia International Airport

Sofia International Airport is well connected with direct flights from a number of European cities, and with the long-haul destinations, the big European hubs (e.g. London, Frankfurt, Munich) are used. [Website](#)

Airport Transfers

Taxi: The transfer time to the city center is approx. 20 min., and the fare is approx. 12 BGN (a fare is 0,77 BGN/km or 0,79 BGN/km).

Terminal 1 & Terminal 2

For your convenience and safety, we would recommend that you use the services of the taxi companies, which Sofia Airport has contracts with. You can make a request for the service at the office of:

OK Supertrans

T: (+359 2) 973 21 21

Bus

There is a direct bus line to the city center route No. 84, the ticket is 1 BGN. Departs from Terminal 1 & 2. Bus line 84 operates on the following route:

Gen. Gurko Str. – Blvd. Tzarigradsko shose – Blvd. Christopher Columbus – Prodan Tarakchiev Str. – Terminal 2 – Terminal 1. The reverse route is from Terminal 1, along Christopher Columbus Blvd., towards Gen. Gurko Str. Bus stops at Orlov Most (Eagles' Bridge) and Sofia University provide convenient transport connection to the underground and other public bus and trolley services. The entire journey takes approximately 40 min during weekdays and 30 min. at weekends and holidays.

Public Transport

The public transport in Sofia is efficient and will get you anywhere in the city. Waiting time are short are acceptable. At peak times metro, trolley buses, trams and buses run every 3–5 minutes. The public transport network consists of:

- 2 Metro Lines (3rd under construction);
- 9 trolley bus lines;
- 15 tram lines;
- 51 suburban bus lines;
- 43 bus routes.

Ticketing

- Single-trip ticket: 1 BGN
- Single-trip ticket sold by the driver: 1 BGN
- Single-trip ticket issued by on-board ticket vending machine in trams and trolleybuses: 1 BGN
- Single trip ticket issued by ticket vending machine at underground stations or by cashier at underground ticket desk of Metroliten: 1 BGN
- 10-trip voucher ticket (valid for one passenger): 8 BGN
- One-day travel card for all lines: 4 BGN

A piece of baggage larger than 60 cm x 60 cm x 40 cm is charged by a separate ticket.

Operating Hours

The public transport works from 4:00 am to 11:00 pm, where it is advised to always check online or at stations the exact operating hours of each line.

A pretty Metro? Yes indeed!

Sofia has a rather new metro in place (since 1998) the design of each station is modern, unique and themed to a specific topic. This makes Sofia Metro the desired way of transportation as for the locals, so for the visitors of the capital. [Online interactive Sofia Metro map](#)

Parking in Sofia

Sofia is divided into parking zones, where each zone determines the time and fee one has to pay in order to use a public parking space on the street. There are a number of car parkings where one can leave the car for a number of hours, where the fee is not determined by the zone. [Information on parking](#)



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Registration

Registration fee is applicable only for participants outside Bulgaria. Upon registration you will receive first user name and a password. If you are a delegate from outside Bulgaria – please proceed with registering. If you are a delegate from Bulgaria, please choose the “Home” button and then proceed with hotel booking if you require one.

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How to apply:

The applicant should be at age up to 35 and a graduate in Medicine

The applicant should send a detailed CV, list of publications if any and 1 (one) Reference letter from a scientific supervisor to rtcsofia2014@aimgroup.eu

Scientific commission will check all the applications and will provide free access and free hotel accommodation (up to 3 nights free) to the best applicants.

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Payment is available by Credit Card or Bank Transfer. The transfer expenses are the responsibility of the registrant.

PAYMENT BY CREDIT CARDS

If you want to use this option you should register first. Following the registration procedure you will reach the payment section and there you will be given the option to pay by credit card. Credit cards accepted: Visa, Mastercard and Maestro.



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Payments in EUR:	IBAN: BG10UNCR70001520900817
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